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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a new utility patent
application of: **Robert W. H. KUO**

Title of Invention: **SPINAL EXPANSION APPARATUS**

Enclosed are:

A specification and 19 claims.

Six (6) sheets of formal drawings (Fig. 1-8).


A Combined Declaration and Appointment of Attorney

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